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# Strange and Wonderful DISCOVERY: Being a Fall and Tree RELATION Of the **SKJ**

Of a Humane Body, Flay'd off, in all its Proportions, with Hair, Brest, Ears, &c. which was found in a Pond near the Falcon, in Grays-Inn-Lane, on the 25th of this Instant March, 1684. and since shew'd to many hundreds of People, to their great Admiration and Amazement, the like not having been known in any Age, together with the manner of the Discovery, and the Conjectures thereupon, &c.

**O**F late so many have been the Murders and Bloody Attempts of Wicked and Desperate Persons, that it has not a little Terrified and Amazed Mankind; That such *Rascals* under so well Molded a Government, should dare to perpetrate their Villany; when, not to insist on the Murders of several lately found, nor the Suspence most Men are in, about the surprizing Absence of Mr. *Edmund Hally*, Merchant, of *London*, so often Advertized in the *Gazet*, who has now been missing Three Weeks, doubtful, whether Dead or Alive. I shall proceed to so strange a Relation, that the like has not been known in our Age, the Narration of which, take as followeth.

On *Tuesday* the 25th of *March*, divers Youths playing by a Pond side, near to the Falcon, an Ale-house, in *Grays-Inn-Lane*, next the Fields, kept by one Mr. *Wright*, Constable of the Parish, and having stricken their Ball into the said Pond, endeavoured with a stick to reach it, when stirring the Water more then ordinary, they espy'd Hair floating, which at first they supposing to be a Periwig, by such Artu-

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fices as they then made use of. Towed it towards the shore,  
 in hopes of a Prize, but going to take it up, found it fast-  
 ened to the ground, and a small quantity of water had over-  
 ed or flun from the Body, at which, somewhat Amazed,  
 they called the People the cabours, and informed them  
 what they had discovered, who, at first gave little Credit  
 to the Report, yet, upon repeated Asseverations, came to  
 to the Pond side, where they found, as had been told them,  
 when, with Admiration, they called the Person, near whose  
 House it was found, viz. Mr. Wright at the Falcon, and in  
 the end, divers others came to take a view of it; so that  
 People Crowding more and more, it was thought conven-  
 ent, after some consultation, to convey it into the said  
 Wrights Houle, and make the Parish Officers acquainted with  
 it, with the design of having it buried in the church-yard, and  
 then the said Buriall was made, but being out of order, and  
 the said Buriall being found to be a young Man, when an Ordinance was ap-  
 pointed to hold the Skin of a full grown Person, nearly the  
 being the same as a human body, the Head downward,  
 and so proportionable, the Head upon the Skull about Three  
 or Four inches long, of a bright Brown Colour, the Nose,  
 Skin, Eye-lids, Lips, Ears, and all the proportions of the  
 Face being apparent in the Superficial, or Skin, though  
 no flesh was seen, nor the Ears, which had their flesh and Cris-  
 tles intire, being little and round; the places that covered the Breasts  
 seem large, and the Nipples on them very apparent; the Skin of the  
 Arms and Fingers, being intire, and the Nails remaining intire at the  
 end of each finger, and thumb. The Neck, then place, Bally place, and  
 all other parts, unless the Privities, being apparent, the words were  
 thicker then any part upward, by reason of the Muscles, and brawny  
 Grinles; the Legs completely flayed to the feet, and they done very  
 thin, and the Soles, which by reason of the brawny hardness, were  
 less thicker then ordinary, the Toes have, as the fingers, the Nails left  
 on, so that divers Chyrurgons, who saw it, affirm, That He or she,  
 who ever performed the Exploit, must have more then ordinary dexteri-  
 ty, to effect it so completely in every part, more Conjecturing, that it be-  
 longed to some of the said Corps, and that means to disfigure  
 and prevent its being known, which Corps, as yet may lie concealed; but  
 be it how it will, the Accident being so Unusual, and Amazing, some Hun-  
 dreds of people flock to see it, not only the ordinary sort, but the Gentry  
 in their Coaches, who gave Money to be Spectators of so Wonderful a  
 Sight. On the 26th, in the Afternoon, the Coroners Inquest, sat, to make  
 Inquiry, and after some Debate thereon, gave Order to Bury the said  
 S. A. N. as this Day, being the 27th Instant.

Entered according to Order.

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